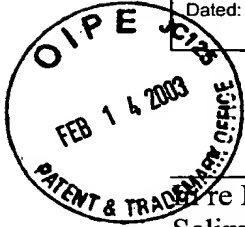


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2003 (Paper No. 13), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**In the Specification**

As provided for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b), a clean version of a replacement paragraph is provided below. Attached hereto in the paper captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made" is a marked-up version of the changes made to the paragraphs by the current amendment.

Please amend the paragraph appearing at page 1, lines 2-15, as follows:

This application is a continuation of co-pending, commonly assigned, patent application entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PRINTING MULTIPLE POSTAGE INDICIA", serial number 08/965,015, now patent number 6,208,980, which itself is a continuation-in-part of co-pending, commonly assigned, patent application, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PRINTING POSTAGE INDICIA DIRECTLY ON DOCUMENTS," serial number 08/561,417, now patent number 5,801,944, filed November